CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for capturing digital images, comprising:

an image sensor including a plurality of image capture elements, each of the image capture elements configured to capture image data,

an input element for communicating print size information to the apparatus; and

logic for determining which of the plurality of image capture elements correspond to the print size.

2 The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of image capture elements is used to capture the image data and only a portion of the image data is presented to a user.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a portion of the plurality of image capture elements is used to capture the image data and only the captured image data is presented to a user.

4 The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the print size aspect ratio corresponds to the aspect ratio of the image sensor.

5 The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising logic for presenting an image capture template to a user of the apparatus

6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the image capture template provides a visual reference to the plurality of image capture elements that correspond to the selected print size.

7. A method for adapting a print size to a captured image in a digital image capture device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an image sensor including a plurality of image capture elements;

determining the elements of the image sensor that correspond to a selected print size; and

presenting image sensor data corresponding to the selected print size to a user of the image capture device.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

capturing image sensor data using all of the image capture elements; and

presenting image data from only those image capture elements corresponding to the selected print size to a user of the image capture device.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of capturing image sensor data using only those image capture elements corresponding to the selected print size

10. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of printing the image sensor data corresponding to the selected print size.

11. The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

presenting the image sensor data to a user of the image capture device; and

superimposing an image capture template over the image sensor data, the image capture template providing a visual reference on a display.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the visual reference corresponds to the image sensor data

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the image capture template is fixed.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the image capture template is variable

15. The method of claim 11, wherein a plurality of image capture templates are made available to a user of the image capture device.

16. A computer readable medium having a program for adapting a print size to a captured image in a digital image capture device, the program including logic for performing the steps of:

determining the elements of an image sensor that correspond to a selected print size; and

presenting image sensor data corresponding to the selected print size to a user of the image capture device.

17. The program of claim 16, further comprising logic for performing the steps of:

capturing image sensor data using all of the image capture elements associated with the image sensor; and

presenting image data from only those image capture elements corresponding to the selected print size to a user of the image capture device.

18. The program of claim 16, further comprising logic for performing the step of capturing image sensor data using only those image capture elements associated with the image sensor that correspond to the selected print size.

19. The program of claim 16, further comprising logic for performing the step of printing the image sensor data corresponding to the selected print size.

20. The program of claim 16, further comprising logic for performing the steps of:

presenting the image sensor data to a user of the image capture device; and

superimposing an image capture template over the image sensor data, the image capture template providing a visual reference on a display

21. The program of claim 20, wherein the visual reference corresponds to the image sensor data.

22 The program of claim 20, wherein the image capture template is fixed.

23. The program of claim 20, wherein the image capture template is variable.

24. The method of claim 20, wherein a plurality of image capture templates are made available to a user of the image capture device.